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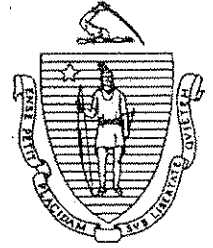
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Honorable Coastal Mayors and Selectboards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, MGL, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that those areas closed due to Hurricane Sandy on October 28, 2012, now meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "OPEN" status.

Therefore under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75 and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure of October 28, 2102; **effective at sunrise Thursday, November 1, 2012.**

Those areas previously classified as APPROVED and in the "OPEN " status to shellfish harvesting are now open to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52.

Similarly, those areas classified as CONDITIONALLY APPROVED are open subject to the classification conditions. Areas classified as RESTRICTED, CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED and PROHIBITED remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from the New Hampshire – Massachusetts State Line south to the Rhode Island – Massachusetts State Line out to the State Boundary Line. This includes MB1-MB14, CCB1-41, CCB44-CCB45, CCB47-CCB51, OC1-OC10, SC1-SC10, SC15-SC64, NT1-NT14, V1, V3-V9, V10.0, V11-V18, V20-V35, E1-E14, MHB1-5, BB2, BB5-BB45, BB48-BB58, N1, N3-N25, and N27-N28

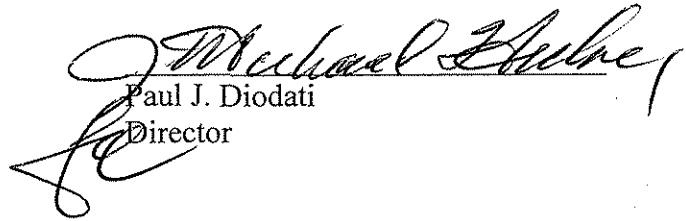
Restrictions on private aquaculture effective on October 28 are also discontinued.

STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH

The waters, flats and all tributaries of areas BB1, BB3, BB4, BB15.4, BB40.1, BB46, BB47, BB50.3, CCB2, CCB5, CCB4.4, CCB7, CCB42.0, CCB43.1, CCB43.4, CCB46, SC11, SC12, SC13, SC14, N2, N26, V2.1, V10.1, V19 and GBH1-6, will remain closed until further notice. All seasonally closed areas which would have opened on November 1st will remain closed pending separate notification from Marine Fisheries.

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Sincerely,


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